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SUBJ: EASTERN EUROPE AND MEXICO IN THE U. S.- SOVIET SCHEME
OF THINGS

1. WE NOTE IN APRIL 13 PRAVDA FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SOVIET
PRESS A REFERENCE TO A SPEECH BY DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH WHICH
WE TAKE TO BE HIS ANNAPOLIS SPEECH ON EASTERN EUROPE. THE OCCASION
IS A POTPOURRI COLUMN BY KOLESNICHENKO REVIEWING " HEALTHY"
DEVELOPMENTS ON THE WORLD SCENE. IT REFERS FAVORABLY TO SPEECHES
BY UNDER SECRETARY CASEY, THEN COMMENTS ON THE " REALISTIC
APPROACH"
IN SPEECH GIVEN " RECENTLY" BY RUSH, WHO " DWELT IN DETAIL ON NEW
POSSIBILITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESSLIKE CONTACTS AND
TRADE BETWEEN USA AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AS RESULT OF VISIT
LAST SPRING TO MOSCOW BY PRESIDENT NIXON." NO FURTHER DETAILS
WERE REPORTED ON RUSH SPEECH.
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2. IN SAME ISSUE OF PRAVDA, COINCIDENTALLY OR NOT, PRESIDENT PODGORNYY'S SPEECH AT DINNER FOR MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA CONTAINED SOME PASSAGES WHICH ARE PERTINENT TO ANY CONSIDERATION OF AMERICAN SENSITIVITIES REGARDING OUR SOUTHERN NEIGHBOR AS COMPARED TO SOVIET SENSITIVITIES REGARDING THEIR EAST EUROPEAN ALLIES. PODGORNYY SPOKE OF LATIN AMERICAN REPS AT PANAMA SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION WHO "DEMANDED AN END TO FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF COUNTRIES OF THE CONTINENT" HE SAID SOVIET UNION FAVORS RIGHT OF LA COUNTRIES TO DECIDE THEIR OWN FATE "IN CONDITIONS OF FREEDOM AND PROGRESS, WITHOUT INTERFERENCE AND OBSTRUCTION BY IMPERIALISM." AND HE SAID SOVIET PEOPLE "RESPECT FREEDOM- LOVING MEXICAN PEOPLE, THEIR GLORIOUS TRADITIONS OF STRUGGLES FOR NATIONAL AND SOCIAL LIBERATION."

3. THE CONCLUSION WE WOULD DRAW IS THAT SOVIETS AT THIS POINT ARE PREPARED TO OVERLOOK U. S. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN EASTERN EUROPE AS CONTAINED IN RUSH SPEECH. AT SAME TIME, THEY OBVIOUSLY HAVE NO QUALMS ABOUT COMMENTING ON U. S. NEIGHBOR IN LANGUAGE WHICH GOES BEYOND THAT WHICH U. S. WOULD USE REGARDING, FOR EXAMPLE, ROMANIA.
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